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DEVICE, OPTICAL DISK DRIVE, MEDIUM, AND  
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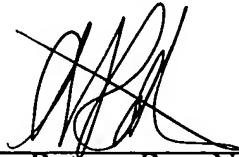
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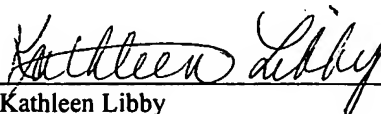
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		1	Japanese search report for PCT/JP00/03003 dated September 15, 2000.
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